

Oregon Citizen Corps - State Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes –June 13, 2012

Present:

Erik Anderson	Marion County
Steve Bullock	Multnomah County
David Davis	Florence CERT-Fire Dept.
Rochelle Davis	Siuslaw Valley Fire
Cathy Harrington	City of Gresham
Stella Hickey	Oregon Fire Corps
Mitch Neilson	City of Hillsboro
Richard Newton	Medical Reserve Corps
Roger Stevenson	Salem Emergency Management
Bev Hall, Chuck Perino	Oregon Emergency Management

1. **Introduction and Opening:**

Chair Cathy Harrington opened the meeting at 11:00.

2. **Previous Minutes:**

The minutes from March 28, 2012 were approved as written.

3. **Federal Update – Fred Bretsch**

Fred did not attend, but Chuck Perino shared a survey Fred sent him regarding how the grant funding cuts were affecting Citizen Corps. Chuck said that for Oregon, 2012 will stay the same level as last year, but 2013 is unknown.

4. **State Update – Chuck Perino**

Chuck reviewed the information Mitch Neilson sent out regarding the emergency kits for coastal CERT groups. Columbia Sportswear gave a great discount on backpacks. Chuck said he had OEM management approval to purchase 90 kits for a total of \$23,636.70. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held regarding distribution and storage.

5. **2012 Citizen Corps Grant Discussion**

Cathy asked about the timing of the grants. Chuck said that workshops have been held to help applicants fill out the grant applications. They are due August 3, 2012. Friday conference calls are available for questions. It was brought up that last year equipment items were excluded from the grant without applicants knowing in advance. Chuck said he would send out an email to emergency managers to contact him if they had any questions on the Citizen Corps authorized equipment list.

6. **Revision of charter to allow non-voting SAC members voting rights on non-Citizen Corps grant allocation decisions**

Much discussion was held. Richard Newton moved that all members listed under Article 1- Membership, Section 1 a AND b will have voting rights except for Citizen Corps grant award issues, which will be voted on by those currently listed under Section 1a. Chuck seconded the motion. Roger Stevenson noted that Article IX of the SAC Charter states that notice of charter amendments must be given to all members at least fifteen days prior to the vote. Therefore, discussion of this issue will be followed up at the next meeting.

7. **Nominations and elections for SAC leadership**

Chuck said that he had a letter of resignation from the SAC from Cathy. Richard nominated Mitch for Chair. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Mitch said he was the UASI rep, so Steve Bullock was asked to take over that position. (This was approved by John Lewis of OEM on June 14, with

Mitch assuming representation of CERT groups that Dave Davis had). David Davis then announced that he was also leaving the Council. Mitch then nominated Stella for Vice Chair. She was elected unanimously. Acting Secretary Bev Hall was appointed Secretary, with the possibility of a SAC member assuming some recruitment roles, and Chuck will continue as OEM representative. The Council thanked Cathy, and Rochelle and David Davis for their time and hard work on the SAC.

8. **Discussion on SAC Projects/Workplan**

Richard said it would be good to have knowledge of the amount and type of available resources around the State. Chuck said that OEMA could help with that. Mitch said that a common standard for volunteer participation is needed. Roger said that their ID badges say that they can be arrested if misused. Mitch said that ID badges may be the way to address that. Eric said that communication among groups can be hard. He uses SERV-OR – a state emergency registry for licensed health care volunteers. He said it is great – can send out texts, robocalls, emails, sort by groups or individuals. It was moved and seconded that Eric follow up on SERV-OR and see what abilities it has for SAC use. Motion carried unanimously.

Mitch said with grants possibly going away, he would like to look into establishing a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Stella said that there is a lot of private money out there. Steve said that the group Hands On Portland is a group that can help with volunteers. Rogers said that Hands On through United Way helped during the Salem floods by running an emergent volunteer center.

Other items brought up were getting input from VOAD, needing OEM's vision for the future of the SAC, needing to know how much money is left to spend after the backpacks, and a tax credit program toward sustaining equipment. Having an opportunity to speak at the OEMA state conference was suggested. A survey could be done there or a roundtable discussion. Mitch will contact the organizers and follow up.

9. **Good of the order**

Stella reminded everyone of the Fire Corps Conference June 21-22 in Coos Bay. She will give information to Chuck to distribute. There is also a national Fire Corps Summit June 27-28 in Denver. On June 19 there is a FEMA webinar on non-profit organizations that Stella will be presenting at.

10. **Next meeting: Tuesday, October 30, 2012.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.